(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that teachers who perform duty during Autumn and Winter Breaks are entitled to earned leave; and

(c) if so, the reasons for refusal of the same by Assistant Commissioner of Bhopal Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) The employess of Kendriya Vidyalayas are entitled for transfer benefits even on request transfer provided they have put in a minimum of five years stay at a particular Vidyalaya/ station on the date of issue of transfer orders.

(b) Teachers who perform duties on the orders of the competent authority during breaks (Autumn and winter) are entitled to Earned Leave at the rate of 3/5 of the period of duty provide the period of duty performed is not less than 10 days.

(c) KVS have informed that no case covered under (a) and (b) has been refused.

Transfer, Recruitment and Promotion Policy of Navodaya Vidyalayas

1778. SHRI JALAUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the saelient features of transfer, recruitment and promotion policy governing teaching and non-teaching staff of Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether Government propose to set-up Navodaya Vidyalayas in the districts which have since been bifurcated of late; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) As per the transfer policy of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti the staff of the Navodaya Vidyalayas have to complete a minimum tenure of five years in their initial place of posting before seeking request transfer to their choice places. Second request transfer is also made available to all after completion of five years tenure from the date of first request transfer. Rotational transfers are applicable in cases of 3rd language/Regional language

teachers after completion of a tenure of five years. However, transfers on administrative ground and in public interest are being made subject to exigencies of work as and when required.

Recruitment and promotions to vanous posts in Navodaya Vidyalayas are made in accordance with provisions of Recruitment Rules of the Samiti.

(b) and (c) Government proposes to set up Navodaya Vidyalayas in each of the districts subject to the availability of funds.

Universities Turning into Crime Centres

†1779. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Universities of the country are turning to be crime centres;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to make these Universities the centres of stuthes and research, once again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) UGC is implementing a number of Programmes/Schemes for improving the standards and quality of teaching and research in Universities and Colleges. The Commission provides development grants to eligible Universities, as per the prescribed norms, for recruitment of teaching and technical staff; purchase of equipment, books and journals; establishment of computer centres; and creation of basic infrastructural facilities in higher educational institutions. Grants are also provided for Centres of Advanced Stuthes; Strengthening of Infrastructure in Science and Technology; implementation of Major and Minor Reserach Projects in Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences and Engineering & Technology; Autonomous Colleges etc. UGC also awards teacher

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